
Isolepis levynsiana, a New Name for *Cyperus tenellus* (Cyperaceae)

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ABSTRACT. The recently published name *Isolepis tenella* (L. f.) Muasya & D. A. Simpson is illegitimate, because there exists an earlier homonym. A new name, *I. levynsiana* Muasya & D. A. Simpson, is proposed for *Cyperus tenellus*.

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We recently proposed a new combination (Muasya et al., 2006), *Isolepis tenella* (L. f.) Muasya & D. A. Simpson for the annual *Cyperus tenellus* L. f. However, an earlier homonym *I. tenella* (Link) Kunth (Kunth, 1837) exists, referring to the Brazilian *Fimbristylis tenella* (Link) Schultes, and therefore the later homonym is illegitimate. A new name, *I. levynsiana* Muasya & D. A. Simpson, is proposed. The name honors Dr. Margaret Levyns (1890–1975), who was based at the University of Cape Town and whose research forms a vital foundation on the Cyperaceae in the Cape Floristic Region.

Isolepis levynsiana Muasya & D. A. Simpson, nom. nov. Replaced name: *Cyperus tenellus* L. f., Suppl. Pl.: 103. 1782. *Isolepis tenella* (L. f.) Muasya & D. A. Simpson, Novon 16: 89. 2006, nom. illegit., non *Isolepis tenella* (Link) Kunth, 1837. TYPE: South Africa, *Linnean Herbarium no. 71/2* (lectotype, designated by Muasya et al., 2006: 89, LINN).

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